



## E-Books Make Library Resources More Available

By Sabrina Butts  
Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College Library has added to it's collection over the summer. But students won't find them on the shelves. They aren't on the magazine racks and they aren't in the recently returned bin. Where are these new books that will make books more accessible to students?

These new additions to the collection are on the students' computers. Over the summer, the college's library has added over two thousand books to its collection online. With these new books available on the internet, students will be able to access more information with greater ease.

All a student has to do to access this vast amount of

eResources is to type the subject or key words into the database like normal. A list will pop up with little red books next to the link with a large "E" on them. These books are available to read on each student's computer, reducing the need to wait for books because a classmate got to it first.

Students will be able to jump directly within the book to the section they need using the table of contents on the left side of the screen. On top of that, there's a search within each book that can help the student pinpoint sections that are needed. Students will also be able to copy and paste direct sections of the text straight onto a word document for note taking and referencing away from the computer.

Pam Seely, Circulation Manager, is excited about this

new addition.

"It increases our collection by an amazing amount," she reported.

It has indeed, with an addition of 2,587 books to the Saint Joseph's College collection.

"Instead of increasing the physical section, they are increasing the selection other ways. We now have all sorts of works, from literature to stuff for Core," Seely said.

Jody Taylor-Watkins is looking forward to the student's response to this.

"Because this is a new service, we would love to hear from any students who have made use of the e-books. If you find them useful, spread the word by making other students aware of their availability."

The library is also seeing improvements in other places,

including their A/V editing room. It has updated some of the equipment in there and an interview room has been set up. "It's a much nicer place than last year," said Seely.

So take advantage of the improvements to the library facilities, Pumas, because no one would pass up the extra help when that big paper is due.



Students can access e-books from any campus computer. (Photo by Mike Koscielny).

## Campus Ministry's Chili at the Lake Provides Food and Fellowship

By Elysse Hillyer  
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On September 13, students from SJC gathered at four o'clock at Lake Banet for the annual Chili at the Lake. Everyone gathered in a circle of prayer and blessing under the blazing sun. Students solemnly listened to prayers of guidance and petitions for helping those in need.

Freshman Mass Communications major Andrew

Pyzdrowski commented that "the set up was really nice. The view of Lake Banet is beautiful and it was a pleasant Sunday afternoon."

After the prayer and reflection, everyone lined up to get some of Brother Tim's famous chili. People sat around a bonfire eating chili, cornbread muffins, and cookies. They washed down the delicious food with some lemonade. Students chatted and some played frisbee.

Associate Professor of Communications Sally Berger

said she thought "it's a great time for fellowship and spirituality to kick off a school year eating Brother Tim's fabulous chili."

She was just one of several members of the faculty to attend the chili supper. Pyzdrowski also commented on the chili, saying it "was like an explosion of flavor." He added that he "met a lot of new people and it was good time."

He and other students enjoyed sitting in the shade of trees or the pavilion to keep out

of the hot sun. Everyone agreed though that it was not too hot to eat some chili.

Josh Garrison, an RA in Noll and junior Elementary Education major said, "student support behind this event was very high. Everyone was very excited. My residents were enthusiastic about helping out, especially for Brother Tim."



Brother Tim doles out his delicious chili as students gather in line. (Photo by Michael Koscielny).

Brother Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S., who was in charge of the event and making the chili, was pleased with how everything went.

"People in the were really involved and enthusiastic. I was glad it was a nice day, compared to last year when it got rained out. There was a good crowd," Hemm said.

As the crowd drifted back down the road toward campus, Hemm reflected that "it's not for

everyone, but people who like to be outside enjoy it. It's good prayer, good fellowship and great chili."



Students relax in the sun while enjoying their chili at Lake Banet. Photo courtesy of Elysse Hillyer.



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# What's Up With That H1N1 Virus?

By Amanda Zarate  
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Students of SJC...The H1N1 form of swine flu is one of the descendants of the strain that caused the 1918 flu pandemic. Influenza A virus strains are categorized in two proteins that are found on the surface of the virus: hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N). Influenza A virus strains are assigned an H number and an N number based on which of these two proteins the strains have. Only H 1, 2 and 3, and N 1 and 2 are commonly found in humans. Swine influenza was first proposed to be a disease related to human influenza during the 1918 flu pandemic, when pigs became sick at the same time humans did.

So what are the symptoms you ask? Please, be AWARE if you or a friend has any of these common H1N1 symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore Throat

- Runny or Stuffy Nose
- Body Aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Fatigue

If so please report them to Jennifer Chandler, Saint Joseph's College Nurse & Wellness Coordinator (219-866-6121). A number of people who have been infected with the virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Illnesses and death has occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus...so please don't take this matter too lightly. We want all of SJC to be as healthy as they can be so spread the word to your fellow classmates!

Enough about the symptoms, let's talk contagiousness! Is it contagious? Ohhhh, you bet! Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people with the flu virus. People may also become infected by touching something – such as a surface or object – with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against 2009 H1N1 virus but, no fear, a 2009 H1N1 vaccine is in production and may be ready for the public in the fall. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause H1N1 such as:

Students wash their hands to stay clear of the H1N1 virus. Photo courtesy of Morgan Myers



Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. Avoid

touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick. There have been several cases of vomiting and diarrhea reported, but there are no reported or confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza on campus. So stay healthy!

## Prosperities in Measure

By Christina Heath  
Staff Writer

Wednesday September 2, 2009 was the first official reading for Measure. The reading was held in the chapel basement at Cup of Joe. The night began with a funny story about obsessive compulsiveness with collecting candy wrappers and making them into fashionable clothing wrote by Elysse Hillyer, a Sophomore English major. The night was filled with poems, stories, food, and a lot of laughing from members of the Saint Joseph's College community.

Andrew Dudich, Junior Arts

major, enjoyed that faculty came out. He spoke of how this was the largest turnout for a Measure reading he has seen. "Measure provides a supportive arena in which writers and artists can present their work honestly and receive valuable critic."

Many students were surprised by the turnout and were very happy that more interest is being taken in the readings and Measure itself. There seems to be a lot more interest and hype about Measure this year than there has been in previous years, leading to the hopes of more submissions and even larger reading turnouts.



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### Upcoming Campus Events

#### SEPTEMBER 17

\*Comedian Michael Palascak 9:00 to 10:00 PM (Halleck Center Ball Room)

#### SEPTEMBER 18

\*Campus Ministry Camping Retreat (September 18 through the 20)

#### SEPTEMBER 19

\*Puma Preview Days 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

#### SEPTEMBER 22

\*SUB Zapped Lazer Tag 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Halleck Center Ballroom)

#### SEPTEMBER 23

\*SUB Ryanhood Band 9:00 to 10:00 PM (Halleck Center Ballroom)

#### SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH THE 26 HOMECOMING WEEK

#### SEPTEMBER 26

\*Football versus Lincoln--Homecoming game 12:00 PM

## Laughter On Campus

By Morgan Myers  
News/Omega Co-Editor

Nearly 200 students came out Thursday, September 3 for comedian Geoff Keith. Students were standing around the back of the ballroom just to listen to the comedian's routine. Keith had been featured in such comedies as Chelsea Lately,

Comedy Central, HBO, and others.

Adam Willis, a sophomore Biology major, said, "I really liked the way he interacted with the audience. He was able to come up with jokes on the fly involving things that were happening while the show was going on."

Though rather coarse in language (there were over 20 F-Bombs counted) Geoff put on a stellar performance, delighting the full audience.

Geoff Keith put on an

excellent routine including jokes about his dwarf friend, his male model roommate (who made even a hard run in the gym look good), his escapades with an old woman at a wedding (he wanted it, really), and many other delightful stories that had everyone cracking up in their seats.

Keith was a great entertainment to everyone who showed up. Sponsored by SUB, Geoff surely delighted. Remember, "Show up or Shut up!"



# Removal From Campus Will Have Consequences

By Mike Koscielny  
Opinions Editor

This is a letter written to the Student Body of Saint Joseph's College.

I am writing this not as the editor of the newspaper, but as a concerned undergraduate. I am removing my "Editor-in-Chief" mask and whatever other façades you, or anyone else, may associate with me. I write this simply as a concerned student, and I write it as a plea to all students. There is a grave injustice occurring on campus, and through this student forum, I wanted everyone to read my words and become aware.

When I began my tenure as a student at Saint Joseph's College, the Student Union Board (SUB) was an abysmal joke of an organization. Organization is a loose term in many ways, as SUB was mostly a couple students making decisions with the then Director of Housing. Events were disorganized and poorly attended by students. However, after I joined SUB, things began to make a turn for the better. My level of hubris is not so high that I'm going to try and attribute that change to anything I did. My freshman year, a new position was created within the Office of Campus Life—Coordinator of Student Activities and Intramural Sports.

This new position not only organized the IM Sports program, but was also the official advisor for SUB. Both of these programs have benefited from having an advisor solely devoted to managing them efficiently and empowering students to take control. Both organizations have flourished since, but in particularly, SUB has grown in leaps and bounds.

I can attest to this from my own first-hand experience. I was the vice-president of the club all of 2006, then became president

during the fall of 2007. Having someone available to keep things in order when, I regretfully admit, my fervidly spastic mind missed various details allowed for smooth operations. On top of aiding the SUB executive board, the College could sleep easier knowing that there was someone they trusted handling the events and dealing with the hired acts coming to campus—the "responsible adult," as I've always joked.

All jokes aside, however, it was important to have the "responsible adult" role at events. Take Red Umbrella for example. They were a band we brought to campus 10 September. They arrived with their trailer full of gear at about 4:00 in the afternoon to begin unloading and setting up. And understandably so, anyone who went to the show can attest to this—the band had a lot of stuff on stage.

The point being, the Coordinator of Student Activities is responsible for the band from the time they step foot on campus until the moment they leave. More so than even the rest of the SUB board, he has the College's rules, regulations and desires to follow and enforce in regards to the entertainment on campus.

Red Umbrella closed their trailer and drove away at precisely 11:34 that night. For about seven hours and thirty-four minutes, the Coordinator of Student Activities was "on the job," so to speak. Even with the fun and excitement of an act of campus, he must always be aware that he is responsible for any and everything that goes on during that time. That's practically an eight-hour work day on its own. However, The Coordinator of Student Activities has office hours beginning at 9 a.m. Other duties for the position still must get done during the day everyday, regardless of the evening events that may arise.

Anyone not keen on doing math, that is almost a 15-hour day for the Coordinator of Student Activities. There is no way to sugarcoat that one. That's a LONG day. And it is a long day that comes without any overtime or extra pay—he's just doing his job. However, one of the perks that makes the situation more tolerable is that the Coordinator of Student Activities lives on campus.

Enter the INJUSTICE ON CAMPUS.

John May, the current Coordinator of Student Activities and Intramural Sports, has been given until 24 September to find another place to live. He is no longer allowed to live on campus, because, as he said he was told, his job "does not have anything to do with housing." Pause. Allow me to rephrase that. He has been asked to vacate the Gallagher suite by said date and is no longer allowed to live on campus for free because his job wasn't a part of Housing. He was told he might be able to rent a room in Schweitemann if he could not find housing somewhere else.

When John informed me of this, I flipped. I was furiously upset. I have calmed down since then and I've been trying to make sense of the situation. I have emailed John's superiors, and as of press time, neither of them has felt it necessary to even reply to my initial email inquiries about setting up an interview. I am genuinely confused and concerned as to why this is happening.

John's predecessor as the Coordinator of Student Activities lived on campus during his time fulfilling the duties to the position, so logically, it would make sense that John should do the same. When John took the position in the summer of 2008, he did not live on campus, but at that time he was married and was

living in town. He didn't begin living on campus until November of last year. Not that I'm looking to put his personal life on display, but he began living on campus after he and his wife divorced. At that time, Dr. Janosik okayed him to move into the Gallagher suite. He has lived there happily ever since—that is until a week ago when he was told he must leave.

I just keep asking myself why this is happening. He's told me just what I said to you. He was told that because his job is not a part of housing, he's not allowed to be on campus in the capacity he is. How anyone can expect John to do everything he does without being on campus in the thick of it, I just do not know.

Have you been to a SUB event that you enjoyed? Thank John May. Sure, there's the executive board of students who work their hardest to make everything awesome, but John is the one keeping the board cohesive and efficient. Do you, as students, want to go to more incredible SUB events? If so, you cannot let this travesty take place.

I don't even know what can be done. Herein lies the problem. I do not want my words to lead to any misconduct; that would be counterproductive to the cause. Personally, I've been unable to make contact with the people making the decision. Until then, there may be nothing we can do. This dilemma is an impasse because if John leaves, the program will suffer. However, this may be the only way to get certain members of the administration to see how vital he is to the campus community.

Even if his position is not housing, it is still in the department of Campus Life. Why would an institution priding itself on "involvement for life" prevent an alumni employed by that very institution from doing his work to the best of his abilities?

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# Was It a Day of Remembrance For You?

By Bailey Snider  
Guest Columnist

This past Friday was an important day. It was the anniversary of an event that's been compared to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the attack on Pearl Harbor. Did everyone remember it? I'll admit it slipped my mind at first. September 11—the day that changed the United States of America as I've always known it. That day I finally developed a sense of the world beyond my small rural township in northern Indiana.

Yes, I can remember what I was doing that day. I remember exactly where I was, exactly what I was doing the moment I heard about the attacks. I don't believe time has dulled the feelings of disbelief and confusion that dominated my entire consciousness that day. And yet, maybe it has. If that day has been so ingrained in my memory, why didn't I wake up Friday with immediate recognition and appropriate solemnity?

Does that make me a bad person? That upon waking Friday morning, I didn't immediately remember it was the anniversary of the deaths of over 3,000 people—American citizens and terrorists alike? In fact, when I finally did realize the date, all I really thought about was how crazy airport security would be, and I was unhappy for a friend who was flying to Spain that morning. I feel a bit guilty thinking about it now. I feel like I almost don't deserve to even call myself an American citizen. And then I start to wonder... How many of us did remember September 11?

Of course, no one can forget it. It is too important to the history of our country and was the catalyst behind most political and military events since. But did we actually take the time to think about what September 11 meant—and still means—to us?

Go back to the months immediately following September 11. Every house sported an American flag; every other song on the radio was of a patriotic

nature. And everyone was, pardon the cliché, proud to be an American (or citizen of the United States, if you prefer). As a country, we stood up and let the world know that while we were in pain and in mourning, we were not ashamed of our history, our place in the world, or ourselves. For me, it was the first time our country felt like a cohesive group. We all shared the bond created by the events of that day.

But I fear sometimes that time has indeed dulled the shock and the resulting sense of pride. As the years come and go, September 11 seems to sink further and further into the annals of history and along with it that feeling of unity throughout the United States. How many times do we think about the legacy

of September 11? Just as an example, how many homes still continue to display the American flag? Our own campus has been guilty of this. Though we have a flag on display, it has not always been properly lit at night.

Thankfully, the flag is properly lit now. The light was turned on the night of September 10, and even as I write this, I can see it shining from my balcony. I think we all need to be a little more like that light. Always a beacon of hope, always remembering the victims and heroes of September 11 and what their sacrifices meant to our country. Though I myself need to work on remembering, I know one thing. I know I am proud to be an American, and I certainly hope you are too.

## Have Your Voice Be Heard!

Do you have any concerns with policies on campus? Are there issues you think need to be discussed? Tell us about it! *The Observer* is always looking for a guest columnist. Please send your op-ed pieces or letters to the editor to Mike Koscielny at [mkn6466@saintjoe.edu](mailto:mkn6466@saintjoe.edu) attached as a Word

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# Eastwood Goes out with a Bang in *Gran Torino*

By Amber Melvin  
Staff Writer

*Gran Torino* is Clint Eastwood's latest and greatest movie and also his last. He is definitely leaving the movie scene as actor in big way by giving another outstanding film performance! My guess would be that anyone who has seen this movie likes it and if there is anybody out there who did not like it, I would like to know why.

If you look at rottentomatoes.com and look at their "TOMATOMETER", you will see that even they rated this movie fairly well. "Rotten Tomatoes" rates movies pretty tough, so if you know this website, then you know that this is, for the most part, rare to have such a good review.

At the start of the film I thought that Clint Eastwood's character, Walt Kowalski, would be a dislikable character and I really did not care for him. Yet, when one looks at all Walt goes through during the film, an extreme sense of admiration and feeling is built for him. It all comes together and makes sense by the end of the picture. I walked away from this film believing



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Walt was a superhero. In the end, I was fond of him because he helped people without knowing or physically trying and, as a result, he had left an impact. Even though Eastwood's character was a character that no one was fond of, I felt that Walt Kowalski

had reason for being the way he was. Also, towards the end, everyone is beginning to see that as well. No one in his family truly cares about him; they just care about getting material things from him. It is so sad watching someone's own family act that way.

The only thing that somewhat troubled me about the movie is the way it occasionally jumped from

scene to scene without completely filling in the details to the audience. These portions of the film left me confused for awhile until I could finally catch on to the story again.

I think that Clint Eastwood has had a wonderful career consisting of almost 50 years of acting. He was blessed with parts

in hit films such as *Dirty Harry*, *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*, and *Million Dollar Baby*, that he did exceptionally well with. He is also known for directing great movies such as the 2008 picture *The Changeling*. Eastwood will be greatly missed in the acting world. I believe that Eastwood fans are thinking this film is a perfect way for such an actor to end his career.



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## Other Eastwood Films

- **Million Dollar Baby** (2004)
- **Space Cowboys** (2000)
- **The Bridges of Madison County** (1995)
- **Unforgiven** (1992)
- **Pink Cadillac** (1989)
- **The Gauntlet** (1977)
- **Dirty Harry** (1971)

# A Recap on a Summer's Worth of Music

By Michael Garrity  
Staff Writer  
Taking Back Sunday – *New Again*



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Remember when Taking Back Sunday released *Tell All Your Friends*, the album that helped to define a fledging scene and carved out its own special legacy in the history of indie rock? Well this is not that same band, literally. After two more albums, and two lineup changes, TBS return with *New Again*, their attempt at creating the perfect summer album. Unfortunately, they fall a bit short.

My initial excitement for the album was due in part to its similarity in sound to their last effort, 2006's *Louder Now*, which I enjoyed greatly. Certainly when *New Again* is hot it is worth a few spins, but when it is cold it leaves you wondering just what they were thinking (see the astoundingly bad "Catholic Knees" if you really need an example). This album displays how important the songwriting influences of former members John Nolan (now of Straylight Run) and later Fred Mascherino (now of The Color Fred) were to the band. Now we just get singer Adam Lazzara unnecessarily

repeating lines in just about every song, which is irritating to say the least. One positive note, however, is that while most albums seem to drag towards the end, *New Again* actually ends with three of its strongest songs. Overall a disappointing effort by a talented band, which hopefully is not a sign of things to come.

**Best Songs:** "Everything Must Go" "Capital M-E" and "Sink Into Me"

**Set Your Goals – This Will Be the Death of Us**



(Photo courtesy of <http://www.punkrock-cds.com/images/SetYourGoals-ThisWillBeTheDeathOfUs.jpg>

The debut album by California pop-punkers (with a refreshing emphasis on "punk") was widely heralded by fans of the scene as one of the best albums of 2006, and with good reason. Short and sweet, *Mutiny!*, was an album that was absolutely full of energy that I personally could not get enough of. I was very excited for the band's sophomore effort, *This Will Be the Death of Us* and boy, was I glad when it lived up to the hype. All of the facets that made their first album so great are in tact on this release. Fast paced, sing along choruses, dual and gang vocals, and uplifting, inspirational lyrics all serve to get the listener sufficiently pumped. Sure, this album is not without its

imperfections, most notably a cringe worthy cameo by Paramore singer Hayley Williams, but they are quickly forgotten and forgiven as soon as the next chorus hits and this band reminds the listener why they fell in love with them to begin with.

*This Will Be the Death of Us* is a more mature effort than *Mutiny!*, which is simultaneously its best and worst quality. Though the songwriting has improved and their sound expanded (see "Gaia Bleeds (Make Way For Man)", the heaviest song the band have ever written), it is not as easy to connect with the band this time around. Still, this is a great effort and a top-notch album from a great band. I highly recommend this release.

**Best Songs:** "The Fallen..." and "Look Closer"

**Sirens Sister – Unspeakable Things**



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Clearly, Sirens Sister are trying to outdo themselves on their second album, *Unspeakable Things*. Everything about this album is bigger in comparison to their 2006 debut, *Echoes from the Ocean Floor*, with larger than life choruses backed by singer Zack Davidson's howling vocals that end up sounding more like U2's arena rock than bands like The

Cure and Depeche Mode who initially inspired Sirens Sister. This sound is eerily reminiscent of Davidson and guitarist Leif Anderson's former band, Vendetta Red, who also polished their production and dabbled in grandeur for their second major album, *Sisters of the Red Death*. On paper, this sounds great to me, after all *Sisters* is one of my all time favorite albums, so why do I am so disappointed in this release?

The album starts off great with the track "The Thing in the Woods," which is a haunting piece featuring only a piano and Davidson's vocals, which are always the best part of any album of which he is a part. It only goes downhill from there. What the band do well in creating big, epic-sounding choruses they juxtapose with their seemingly uninspired songwriting. It is not that many of the songs are that bad, per se, just that they mostly sound the same and not many of them stand out as being anything worth a repeat listen. Also lost is Davidson's lyrical prowess that was so prevalent in Vendetta Red, but has seemingly gotten worse with age. To say that this album is not good does not seem fair, as there are plenty of enjoyable moments, but they are overshadowed by the blandness of it all.

**Fun – Aim and Ignite**

Combine excellent pop sensibilities, engaging narrative lyrics, and enough lush instrumentation to make Panic at the Disco blush, and you get the debut release from Fun, a veritable indie rock super group. Formed by Nate Ruess of The Format (R.I.P.), Andre Dost of Anathallo, and Jack



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Antonoff of Steel Train, Fun gained notoriety both from their former musical endeavors and touring with Jack's Mannequin while recording *Aim and Ignite*, an album I can say with confidence is the best release of 2009 thus far.

To say it plainly, *Aim and Ignite* does what I feel every great album should do, have a selection of songs that can stand up on their own, while simultaneously creating a fluid piece that not only encourages, but also necessitates multiple listens. Fun accomplish this tenfold. You have to look no further than the opening track, "Be Calm," to get an idea of Fun's creative approach at songwriting. Beginning with a lone accordion and utilizing strings as one of the main instruments, Ruess tells the tale of a nervous breakdown from an outsiders point of view, playing around with tempo and arrangements so much that it takes numerous listens to really understand the scope of a seemingly simple song. This trend continues for the next nine tracks without ever feeling forced or hokey.

Beyond their obvious pop and rock influences, the band clearly draw some inspiration from Broadway and Disney musicals,



## Let the Adventures Begin in *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*

**By Eileen Mills-Groninger**  
*Staff Writer*

*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* is not just a children's book. With over 300 drawings and a total of 526 pages, this is no novel either. It is also not to be considered a picture book because the story is told through the pictures and through the text of the story. No element reigns supreme in this telling of a boy, a girl, an old man, a key, and a mysterious machine's hidden message.

Hugo is a 12 year old orphan boy living in the walls of a Paris train station. His father was killed in a fire, and he was sent to live with his uncle, who fixes clocks like everyone in his family. Hugo learns how to fix the clocks in the train station as an apprentice to his uncle, but when his uncle doesn't return one night, he must learn to fend for himself. He uses his skills as a clock mechanic to continue doing his uncle's job and collects his paychecks so that no one knows that his uncle has disappeared.

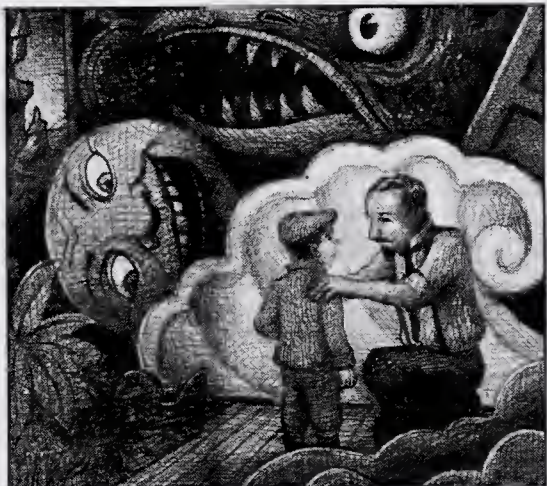
He lives his life in the walls of the train station, stealing gears and working on his invention. Hugo becomes obsessed with fixing a mysterious machine that his father had been working on before the fire. It survived the inferno, and his father had believed that it would be able to write a message or draw a picture. Hugo, using his father's knowledge of clocks and gears, works

tirelessly to find pieces that could be used to fix the machine and hopefully read a message from his dead father.

In his quest to fix the machine, he steals gears and parts that he views as valuable to the repair, and eventually gets caught by a Toy Shop owner who he tries to pilfer parts from. The events that follow lead Hugo to team up with a curious young girl to discover the mystery of the machine and together they unlock a story that ties everything together.

This story is unlike any book I have ever read, any graphic novel I have ever looked at, and is the first book I have read to use elements of movie magic to tell the story. If you are tired of reading your Core books, put them down for a minute and pick up Brian Selznik's *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. If you don't trust my opinion, go to the website at [www.theinventionofhugocabret.com](http://www.theinventionofhugocabret.com) and look at the first few pages of the book. If you are not at least intrigued, you will be. Happy Reading!

(Picture courtesy of <http://graphics8.nytimes.com/images/2007/11/07/books/review/childrens-10.jpg>)



## Going Green and Not Just Jaded

**By Andrew Dudich**  
*Staff Writer*

If you don't live in a cave (Bennett excluded), you probably have noticed that Saint Joseph's College is attempting to "go green." Naturally, this feat can't be successful unless the student population backs up the school. The *Observer* would like to give you some tips for you can easily make the distinction from being "green" from being a muddy yellow.

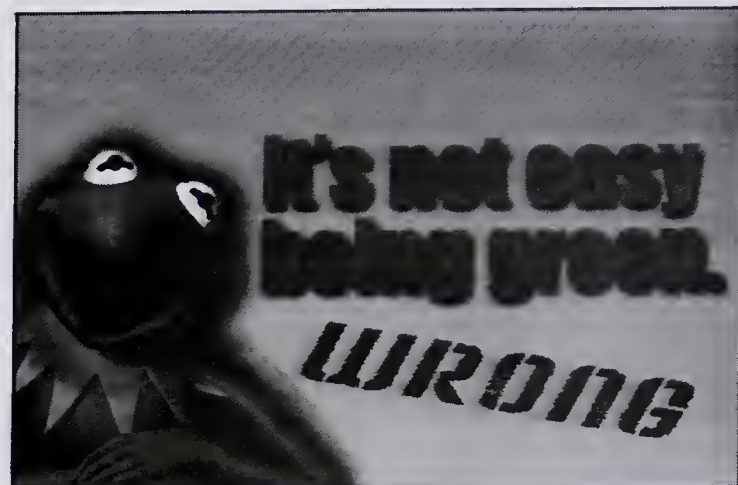
### What is Green?

There are several common misconceptions concerning what falls under the category of "being green." Some people feel that to be "green" means that you must be a vegetarian tree-hugger who voted for Ralph Nader in the last President of the Universe poll. These stipulations are all lifestyle choices and not what the college is asking you to subscribe to (as long as you remember that trees need love too).

One of the college's largest undertakings is attempting to cut the amount of waste produced on campus. Students can help out by walking a few extra steps to a recycling bin and depositing their eligible items in the correct receptacle. This does not mean throwing everything you don't want into the same bin. This causes the entire batch of recyclable goods to be thrown out due to contamination. This has happened several times already this year and is extremely counterproductive.

Don't be lazy, take the extra minute to divide up your refuse and deposit it where it belongs. The college will probably just thank you with a hearty handshake, but the Earth will thank you by not creating a landfill in your backyard.

### Is That It?



(Picture courtesy of <http://ardudichphotography.webs.com/Easy%20Being%20Green>)

NO! There are so many more ways we can easily reduce waste, and I'm not talking about the already popular trend of not flushing the toilet for "water conservation." Please don't get me wrong, I'm all for water conservation. I would simply prefer it to be done sanitarly. Refrain from picking up a tray in the cafeteria. This will persuade you to not gather as much food early on. A vast majority of students don't eat all of their meal and then simply place it on the conveyor belt for disposal. If students didn't pick up as much to begin with, we would eliminate a considerable amount of waste. If you would like seconds, you can always walk the few steps back to the buffet.

Following this simple philosophy will greatly reduce food waste and wastewater from dishwashing. In order to illustrate further, it costs the State of Massachusetts (only 0.2% of the U.S. by area) over \$140,000,000 dollars a year of electricity to treat wastewater. (Source: 2008 EPA Study - *Energy Management Pilot for Public Wastewater and Drinking Water Plants*) In short, our country could save billions of dollars in energy costs simply by

cutting excessive water usage.

### Be Smart!

The college is asking you to be smart on this issue. They're not asking you to refrain from showers or skip buying Core books to "save paper"; they want you to make educated decisions that will benefit both you and the environment.

I would like to leave you with a few extra pointers on your conversion to being "green." Don't drive to class. Let's face it, you can get anywhere on campus in less than 10 minutes by foot anyway. Turn down the thermostat in your refrigerator half a notch. It's not going to make a big temperature shift, and it saves that much more energy. Refill your water bottle instead of using up bulk packages of bottles. Even if you recycle, it takes a lot of energy and packaging waste to produce something that's free anyway. Lastly, so many things that we don't always think about can be recycled. Car batteries, tires, cell phones, eye glasses, and the taboo beer bottles all fall into this category. Together, we can prove Kermit the Frog wrong and show the world that it truly is easy to be green.

## A Senior Presents Short and Simple Ways to Survive Freshmen

**By Jennifer Ruff**  
*Features Editor*

One of the pluses of being a senior in this place is that I now have the right to tell the freshmen what to do, for I am more knowledgeable and experienced on the task of being a college student. Luckily for all you SJC freshmen, I have decided to use my knowledge and college student related skills for good, not evil and have created a compilation of dos and don'ts for you all to follow. My hope is that this will help prevent any

freshmen frustration, hostility or embarrassment, for everyone knows the best way to adapt to something is to learn from the mistakes, I mean experiences of others.

**Do** get involved! I know you have probably heard it a thousands times since you've been here but it really is one of the best pieces of advice to give a freshmen. I know my freshmen year, I wasn't really involved and looking back on it now I wish I would have been. Trust me, being involved in clubs and events on

your room and watch television or wait for a phone call from a loved one from home (believe me, I've been there!), but I am telling you that by doing that you are only stopping yourself from truly enjoying this thing called College! Step out of the box

called your room and embrace this new world around you!

**Do** read your assigned material (yes this includes Core books)! I am not one to say that I have read everything that has been assigned to me because if I did I would be lying! What I am saying is that reading and knowing what is going on in class discussions really does make the class more enjoyable. If I were to name the classes that I enjoyed the most, I would confess that those were the classes I actually read for and had a true understanding of the given



New Pumas gather outside the chapel after welcoming mass (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.)

material.

**Don't** get overwhelmed! I know that this is different than the high school world that you are used to, but trust me you can get it together! If I can do it you can do it! What I found helpful was to make many schedules to keep me in line. I have a dry erase calendar on my door in my room, my trusty Puma Guide and I also use the calendar on my phone (you carry the thing with you everywhere might as well use other features besides texting). I also make a weekly reading schedule to keep myself in line with the material

due for class. It is also important to set time out for yourself to spend time with friends and such. This will help you from going into crisis mode!

I know that this just seems like a start but I know that I would have liked to hear these type of things when I was a freshmen here. If I would have, I probably would not have made these very common mistakes and therefore would not need to write this article warning the newest additions to the Puma family!



Freshmen Kelsey Reynolds moves into her dorm (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.)

campus can help you meet new friends, expand your horizons, and overall become more comfortable here!

**Don't** spend all your days alone in your room! I know the habit of new students is to stay all cooped up in



# Former SJC Baseball Player Zegarec Drafted to Texas Rangers Returns to Coach Pumas This Fall

By Mike Korman  
Staff Writer

Sports Management major and former Saint Joseph's College pitcher, Shane Zegarec, was selected this past summer into the Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft. Zegarec was chosen by the Texas Rangers in the 42<sup>nd</sup> round. Zegarec returned to SJC this fall to continue his education and help coach the team while awaiting his next season with the Rangers in the spring.

Zegarec transferred as a junior from South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois and attended the College the past two years as a starting pitcher for the team from 2007 through 2009. Shane returned after his Ranger season to take classes and help coach the Pumas this fall.

Zegarec had some adjustments to make during his first MLB season in Arizona. One major difference was the climate change.

"Going from the nice Midwest weather to 120 degree Arizona heat was pretty bad," he said.

Another big change is only wooden bats are used in MLB rather than aluminum in college.

"The difference is if I throw a bad pitch in college it would be a home run, but in MLB a bad pitch is just a long fly ball," Zegarec said.

Finally he had to get used to not being in a starting rotation; Zegarec was a starter for SJC but in the bullpen for the Rangers.

"When I was a starter I had a set routine to get ready and warmed up for the game, but



Former SJC baseball players Mike Pericht (left) and Shane Zegarec (right) were drafted to Major League Baseball (MLB) teams, Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers. Zegarec pitched against Pericht in his first official MLB game. Both returned to help coach the Pumas this Fall and will leave in December to return for their second season in the MLB. (Photos courtesy of Mike Pericht.)

now that I am in the bullpen I have to be warm in a hurry rather than my usual time to be warmed up for a game. That is just something I need to get used to," he said.

Zegarec met a surprising opponent during his first game as a Ranger pitcher. Saint Joseph's College former catcher, Mike Pericht, was also drafted this past summer by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Zegarec had a positive meeting with Pericht at the plate as he smiled and said, "he was my teammate and catcher for the past two years at SJC so he knows every pitch I throw. When he stepped in the batter's box I could not help but laugh a little when I was on the mound. I threw some good pitches to him, and on the third slider I threw he flew out to right-center field; we counted that at bat as a tie."

It was a tough and busy

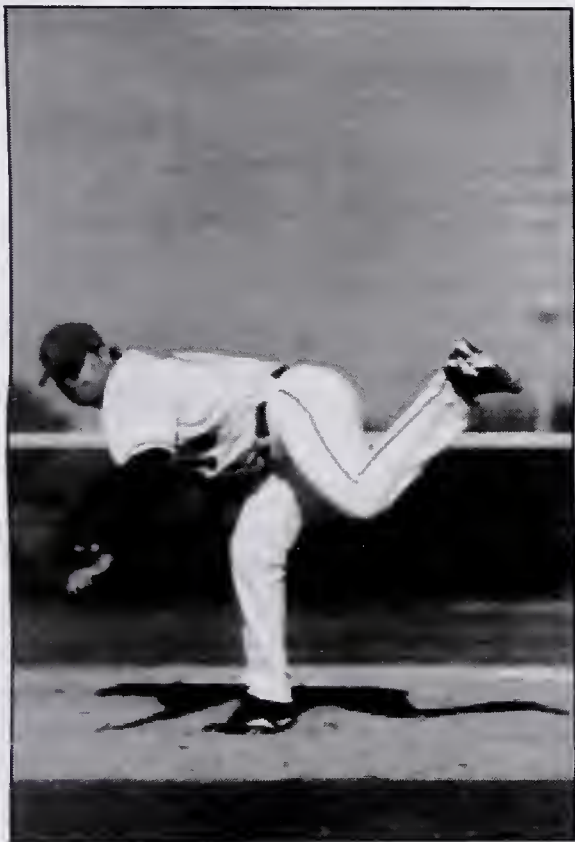
schedule to get where he is today, but all the work has definitely paid off, according to Zegarec. He began his drive to the MLB in high school, attended Eastern Kentucky University his freshman year, then transferred to South Suburban College for his sophomore year and was recruited by Head Baseball Coach Rick O'Dette, for his final two years.

"All the pieces finally fell into the right places and I could not be happier with where I am today. I matured a lot as a player at SJC and the coaching staff prepared me for what kind of player I needed to be in the MLB," said Zegarec.

"Coach O'Dette and the coaching staff at SJC helped me out by getting me in touch with

Windy City Thunderbolts an Independent baseball team. I pitched for them about a month in the summer then one day in the locker room I heard rumors that I was going to be picked up by the Majors. Then the Rangers called me and said turn on my computer. I did so and saw my name on their roster and it was pretty cool seeing that. I really don't think it has set in yet. It was nice coming here because I matured a lot here. Odette and the coaching staff prepared me for what a Big Leaguer is and what they go through everyday," he said.

Zegarec will attend classes and help coach the Puma through December. He will leave again for Arizona to prepare for his second season as a Ranger.



Shane Zegarec pitched two years at SJC after previously transferring from South Suburban College. (Photo courtesy of Jenna Weglarz.)

## Hot Start for Senior Greg Gehrig After Returning from Season Ending Injury

By Kara Kristoff  
Sports Editor

A story of leadership and passion involves senior men's soccer player and Business Administration major, Greg Gehrig. As a junior 13 games into his season, he chipped his knee cap and was sidelined for the rest of the season. He is back for a final season and is leading the team this season with 6 goals scored.

Gehrig said that it took awhile for doctors to diagnose and treat his injured knee. "It was hard to see the injury through an X-ray and a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan, said Gehrig. "After several doctor visits, my knee was finally scoped and the chipped bone was removed from my knee."

It wasn't a major surgery and the recovery was quick, commented Gehrig. Unfortunately

the injury sidelined him for the remaining seven games of his junior year. He was unable to medically red shirt because of how deep into the season he was, so this 2009 season will be Gehrig's last season as a Puma.

Although it crushed Gehrig to watch his team play without him, this is not his first experience as an injured athlete.

"I was out for more than a year with a broken leg at Lake Central High School (Saint John, Indiana) and had to watch my team lose at Semi-State in the post season," said Gehrig.

Gehrig was not sidelined for nearly as long as his previous injury. He was able to play three months later and he started recovery and rehabilitation in January 2009.

"Although the surgery went well I still have some pain under my knee cap and have to really

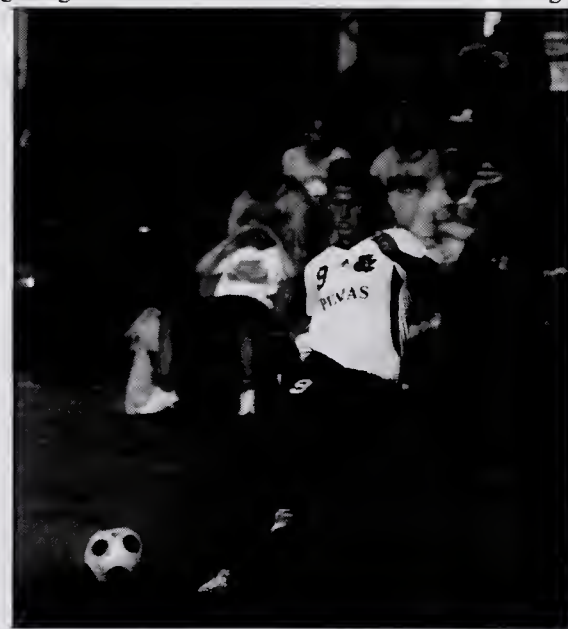
warm up my knee until the pain goes away," commented Gehrig.

Since this is Gehrig's last year as a collegiate athlete, he worked very hard this past summer to get his knee and his body into great shape.

"Being injured this season did give me some motivation to come back more prepared for my final season. I have had little injuries my entire college career which has hindered my potential, said Gehrig. "So this summer I worked on my fitness and dropped almost 25 pounds and am in the better shape than I have been in four years. I feel that this has helped with our team's early success."

The most difficult part about watching his team last year was in their loss to Bellarmine University (Louisville, Kentucky).

"Watching us lose to Bellarmine was very tough because



Senior Forward Greg Gehrig leads the Pumas with six goals for the year. Gehrig returns in the best shape of his collegiate career after suffering a season ending injury to his knee. (Photos courtesy of Rev. Timothy McFarland, C.P.P.S.)

a win against them would have led us to the Conference tournament for the first time in many years. I hated not being able to help my team for such an important game," said Gehrig.

Gehrig is more than excited for his final season with the Pumas (3-1-1 GLVC 1-0-1).

"We have had a great start to the season and we have a great schedule that will hopefully prepare us to make the Conference

tournament this year. Hopefully we can play well and win our next four or five games and have a great start in conference games," said Gehrig. "As long as we play to our potential I believe we will be able to make the tournament and hopefully make a nice dent there."

Dedication, hard work, and strength is what drove Gehrig to be the player many look up to and strive to follow.



# Indiana College Football is as Predictable as the Weather

By Jeremy Butterfield,  
Staff Writer

Indiana college football is shown from records to be dominated by the Purdue Boilermakers and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. However, in college football, surprises happens every week, like last year when the Ball State Cardinals had an undefeated regular season and the Indiana Hoosiers beat the Northwestern Wildcats, who prior to that had only lost to top 25 teams.

After having a season of not reaching a bowl game last year, the Boilermakers are looking for a winning season and a bowl game appearance. If their first game was any indication, the Boilermakers will run with sophomore running back Ralph Bolden. He had 21 carries for 234 yards at 11.1 yards a carry with 2 touchdowns on Saturday, September 5, 2009 against the Toledo Rockets. This is Bolden's first full year as a starter, as he was behind Kory Sheets last season.

Purdue's starting quarterback, Joey Elliott, completed 17 of 28 passes for 220 yards and 3 touchdowns last weekend. The Boilermaker defense, however, allowed 423 passing yards. The defensive line was not able to blitz the quarterback and apply pressure. On the other hand, they only allowed 70 yards rushing. If they can improve their pass defense, Purdue should be a formidable foe for the remainder of the season.

The Ball State Cardinals had an undefeated regular season last year. On the other hand, once the postseason came, they lost many



#23, sophomore Purdue Boilermaker running back Ralph Bolden had 21 carries for 234 yards with two touchdowns against the Toledo Rockets World Series. (Photo credit: [http://www.cbssports.com/collegefootball/gamecenter/recap/NCAAF\\_20090905\\_TOL@PUR](http://www.cbssports.com/collegefootball/gamecenter/recap/NCAAF_20090905_TOL@PUR))

offensive starters to injuries. During the regular season, the lowest score the Cardinals posted in a game was 24 points. They scored 24 points at the MAC championship, but only 13 points at their bowl game. Unfortunately, the majority of the Cardinal offense graduated, so they are starting fresh with many second string players. Last week the Cardinal defense held the North Texas Mean Green to 20 points, but the Cardinals came up short, scoring only 10 points. Their offense will need to improve in order to match their success from last year.

The Indiana Hoosiers have been near the bottom of their conference over the past few years. Their record last year was 3-9 (1-7 in conference play). This year looks like it will be more

of the same. However, starting quarterback Ben Chappell passed for 326 yards and 1 touchdown in a 19-13 win over Eastern Kentucky on September 3, 3009. The Hoosiers only ran for 73 yards total, however, and used five different running backs in the game.

Because of a 49-21 victory over the Hawaii Warriors in the Aloha Bowl last season, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish are currently ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the country. Their offense should be able to score consistently with starting quarterback Jimmy Clausen and four talented receivers who will surprise a lot of opponents. Last year, their record was 7-6.

Each year critics try to predict a team's season, but when the whistle blows it's anyone's game.

## Puma Football Profile: Terrence Freeman

By Amanda Zarate  
Staff Writer

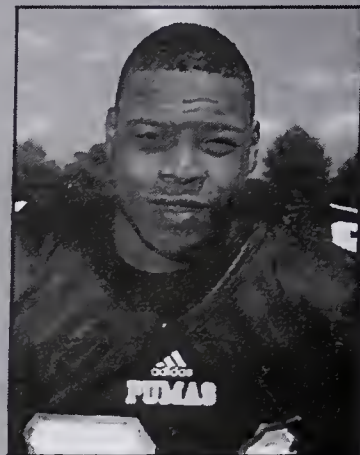
Year? redshirt Senior

Major? Art

Hometown? Gary, Indiana

Aside from football, what other sports do you enjoy?

I love to play basketball. I also like to watch golf and gymnastics. I used to take gymnastic classes when I was in 7th grade.



Terrance Freeman is a redshirt senior Art major on the football team at SJC. (Photo by SJC Sports Information)

What is your inspiration for giving 100% effort at every game and every practice?

My family because they sacrifice so much for me I don't know any way to pay them back, except for giving them some excitement on the weekends! Also if I have something going on [in my life] I can just let go during a game.

What football position do you play?

Fullback

What are your plans after SJC?

Play FOOTBALL!  
...maybe go to video game design school or the Air Force.

What is it that you love about the sport?

It's a great game to play! I don't know what other sport that brings out every emotion...from happiness to sadness to anger.

What is your favorite NFL team?

Dallas Cowboys

If you weren't playing football what else could you see yourself doing?

Originally I wanted to be an animator and work for Disney or Pixar.

Who is your role model?

My Mom because she has been through a lot, sacrificed a lot, and has taught me to be a strong person.

Do you have any words of wisdom from your years of experience in football thus far?

If there is anything that football has taught me it is that anything is possible; if you want something, work hard for it and go get it.

Which SJC football game was your most memorable? Why?

Fairmont State Game -- 19-11  
My freshman year...this game matched the NCAA record for the most overtimes [6] in one game. It rained, snowed, the sun came out, rained again, it was windy and by the end of the first quarter the field was so muddy you couldn't tell who was who! It was just a great game to play in.

How long have you been playing football?

About eight years

## Depth, Talent is Added to Women's Tennis Team for Upcoming Year

By Chrissy Heath,  
Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College women's tennis team is joined with four talented freshmen to mix with experienced upperclassmen to make for a powerful year.

The team finished 14-11 last year, and they hope to finish better this season with their incoming

and returning talent this year. According to head tennis coach, Reggie Sanderson, most of the freshmen were best on their high school teams.

Sanderson is very confident in this year's team and comments, "it's been a really good first two weeks. The upper classmen work harder because of how hard the freshmen work."

All four freshmen tried out for the squad and made it to the top of the line-up. Out of six starters this year, four of them are new this year.

The four starting freshman include Sports Management major, Katee, freshman Biology/Chemistry major Heather Esker, freshman Forensics Science major Debra

Easton-Bates, freshman Biology/Chemistry major Kara Paroubek. Also included is senior Biology major Anisha Gohil, and senior Social Work major and Co-Captain of the women's tennis team Jordan Orner.

The seniors, Gohil and Orner were last year's number 1 and 2 singles, but this year's incoming freshmen have mixed the lineup up a bit. Freshmen Sanderson will be number 1 singles followed by Esker in the number 2 singles spot. Gohil is number 3 singles followed by Orner as number 4 singles to make for tough singles matches.

"The team seems to be meshing well together," said senior tennis player and Business Administration major Erica Bengel. "We all get along well and it should be a great season."

"We definitely look stronger on paper because my first and second best from last year are now my third and fourth best this year," said Sanderson.



Senior and Co-Captain of the women's tennis team, Jordan Orner, is a key returner for the squad. (Photo credit: Rev. Timothy McFarland, C.P.P.S.)

## New Freshmen Give Men's Tennis Team the Edge it Needs to Win

By Megan K. Bobonick,  
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team of Saint Joseph's College has received promising new talent this year, and along with the new stock of freshmen came Tanner Braden, who brings a little more than rackets to the courts. His uncle, Vick Braden, plays tennis professionally and this has motivated Tanner to bring all that he has to the game.

"My uncle played pro right out of high school," says Tanner about his personal incentives, "It's been a big dream of mine to play pro since I was a kid. It will take

some hard work, but I've got big shoes to fill."

The team already has many talented athletes, and their positive attitude and hard work has already made the newest members feel welcome.

"They really helped me out and showed me the ropes. I think we're going to have a really great season," said Tanner, who personally hopes to hit at least a five-hundred this season. "We have to show other teams what Saint Joseph's College has got!"

The Pumas will be hard to beat once the season really takes off if both Tanner and the team keep their goals in sight.



# Karma and the Cosmos

**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)  
You are a violent person. You should relieve this tension by riding a bicycle through Wal-Mart. Be sure to avoid store personnel and small children. Once your anger has receded, you will to have a strong desire for popsicles.

**Taurus** (Apr. 20-May. 19)  
It's your lucky week! One of your dear friends will introduce you to Persian pop music and you will be inspired to have a desert themed birthday party. Don't forget to bring a palm tree and wear some sandals, because it will be hot hot hot!!

**Gemini** (May 20-June 20)  
You will happen dress the same as your roommate, and it will be slightly awkward at the dinner table. Unfortunately, you will have to spend a lot of

time on homework, but be sure to unwind by making a new best friend.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 21)  
Love is in the air for you. A new plant in your room causes this infatuation, and your roommate grows annoyed. The plant could be in serious danger from your roommate's jealousy, so be sure to put up barbed wire and security alarms.

**Leo** (July 22-Aug. 22)  
Watch out for an octopus attack while taking a shower. You have been warned.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)  
This week is a week of change, so you should probably change your underwear. People are starting to notice and you'll feel much better about yourself.

## By Mystical Martha

**Libra** (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)  
You will wake up one day with a banana on your pillow next to you. You will be very confused. However, you will quickly realize that you have free breakfast in bed now.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
You will meet a tall dark stranger one night while leaving the Hub. You will end up having an intense discussion about llamas via the Whispering Wall until 4 in the morning.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)  
Some day whilst walking along, a monkey will drop out of a tree onto your head. After a brief skirmish with the monkey, you will train him to be your pet, and he will take notes for you in Core lecture. The professors will not notice a difference.



**Capricorn** (Dec. 21-Jan. 1)  
Your room is going to mysteriously start leaking Jell-O from the walls. You will call security and no one will be there. Your phone is dead. You sit in your room and cry, but the next day will be particularly excellent.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)  
This week, you feel the hippie that you were in a past life is trying to get out. Try wearing some tie-dye or listening to a Woodstock CD. It will make your life more complete.

**Pisces** (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)  
Since Pisces is represented by fish, you should get acquainted with your inner fish and go for a walk by the reflecting pond or visit Lake Banet. However, you should be wary of fish-birds, as it is their mating season.

## Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for September 17  
(219) 866-2222  
fountainstonetheaters.com

Halloween II (R)  
Mon.-Thurs. 7:00

Inglourious Basterds (R)  
Fri: 6:30  
Sat: 6:30  
Sun: 6:30  
Mon-Thurs: 4:10, 6:50

Julie and Julia (PG-13)  
Fri: 4:20  
Sat: 2:10, 4:20  
Sun: 2:10, 4:20  
Mon-Thurs: 4:20, 6:30

Whiteout (R)  
Fri: 4:40, 6:50, 8:50  
Sat: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50, 8:50  
Sun: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50  
Mon.-Thurs: 4:30, 6:40

Sorority Row (R)  
Fri: 4:50, 7:00, 9:00  
Sat: 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:00  
Sun: 2:40, 4:50, 7:00  
Mon-Thurs: 4:50, 7:10

### Coming Soon!

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

## The Ritz Cinema

Movies for September 17  
(219) 866-0086  
www.ritzcinema.net

The Proposal (PG-13)  
Every night at 7:30

### Coming Soon!

Julie and Julia  
The Hangover  
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince

## Overheard

*If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to ehq7585@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!*

"Curse the lactose gods!"

"I feel like a dying Russian orphan."

"Emo kids don't climb ladders."

"The inside of my shoe is a jungle!"

"So should I go tell my sex mad wife to take a cold shower?"

## Fact of the Matter

"Time" is the most used noun in the English language.

In Sonkajarvi, Finland there is an annual wife stealing contest.

Jimmy Carter was the first US president to be born in a hospital.

Tomatoes were originally thought to be fatally poisonous by the Europeans.

Barbie's breasts were designed by missile engineer Jack Ryan.

Courtesy of www.RandomFaq.com

Alice in Wonderland syndrome is an actual medical condition.

Iceland had no inhabitants until the eighth century.

The oldest song ever written down and rediscovered is from 1400 BC.

Red eyes in photographs are actually reflections of people's blood.

## Words of Wisdom

"Always write angry letters to your enemies. Never mail them."  
James Fallows

"A guilty conscience needs to confess. A work of art is a confession."  
Albert Camus

"I am accustomed to sleep and in my dreams to imagine the same things that lunatics imagine when awake."  
Rene Descartes

Courtesy of www.brainyquote.com

# Measure Spotlight

## Cars

By Chrissy Heath

Cars pass, lie, dream, and fake  
Like books we hold onto for comfort  
Comfort that will never come

Let's follow this day down  
Into meadows  
Trees shade this presence  
We fear to acknowledge

Every issue we will be including a spotlight on all of the Measure submitters. We will be taking the best submissions and including them here, in the Measure Spotlight! If you have any poems or short stories you would like to submit, let us know. Send them to Elyse Hillyer at ehq7585.

The common sense  
Creeping along lake shores  
And memories

Ignorance a substance we hold in our hands  
Clinging to love life  
For oblique intelligence  
Or a morsel of recognition  
These things in us we hate  
Refusing to recognize as substantial essence  
Not knowing our souls

This was not a dream  
This was not my life  
Just a memory

## Solitude

Solitude caresses my soul  
As depression is deafening  
Let's slide down promiscuously  
Down these metal spirals  
Of notebooks

Communicating life through your static heart  
Dependant on narcotics and intercourse  
Killing society  
With honorable intentions  
Overrating fatalities in your eyes

By Chrissy Heath